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February 1, 2019

Peter Bibring

ACLU of Southern California

via email only: prarequest@aclusocal.org

Dear Mr. Bibring,

This letter is in further response to your California Public Records Act request, dated January 1, 2019, and received in our Office January 7, 2019, for records available as the result of the implementation of Senate Bill 1421.

The District is endeavoring to comply as swiftly as possible with the changes enacted by SB 1421 to Penal Code Section 832.7 while preserving the safety and privacy of those protected by the statute. The intent and letter of the amended Penal Code Section 832.7 requires that BART protect the safety and privacy rights of witnesses and complainants (through maintaining their anonymity) as well as personal data of officers, such as a home address, telephone number, and identities of family members. Additionally, the amended code section prohibits the District from providing confidential medical, financial, or other information protected by federal law. Because the District has received a large number of Public Records Act requests and is in the process of reviewing extensive records for prohibited disclosures, BART now expects that the remaining documents will be available by February 15, 2019. The District will update you as soon as the records are available.

We will notify you of the availability of the records and the cost associated with providing copies to you.

Sincerely,

Jacquelline R. Edwards

Acting Assistant District Secretary

cc: Legal Department
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